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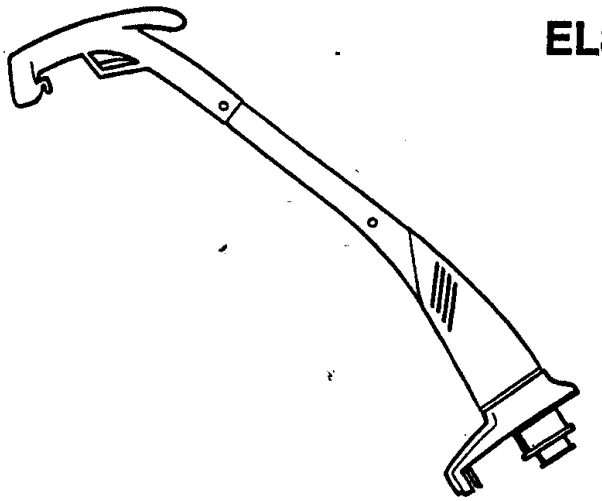
ENGLISH

Operator's Manual
Manual del Operador
Manuel de L'utilisateur

EL8/EL9/EL10



ESPAÑOL

For Household Use Only

WARNING:
Read and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury.

ADVERTENCIA:
Lea el manual del operador y siga todas las advertencias e instrucciones de seguridad. El no hacerlo puede resultar en lesiones graves.

AVERTISSEMENT:
Lire le manuel de l'utilisateur et bien respecter tous les avertissements et toutes les instructions de sécurité. Tout défaut de le faire pourrait entraîner des blessures graves.

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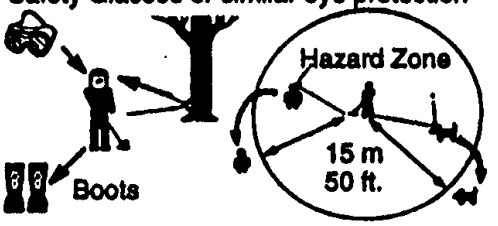
SAFETY RULES

WARNING: When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and serious injury. Read and follow all instructions.

This power unit can be dangerous! Operator is responsible for following instructions and warnings on unit and in manual. Read entire Operator's Manual before using unit! Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the unit. Restrict the use of this unit to persons who read, understand, and follow instructions and warnings on the unit and in the manual. Never allow children to operate this unit.

DANGER: Never use blades or flailing devices. Unit is designed for line trimmer use only. Use of any other accessories or attachments will increase the risk of injury.

WARNING: Trimmer line throws objects violently. You and others can be blinded/injured. Wear safety glasses, boots, and leg protection. Keep body parts clear of rotating line.



Keep children, bystanders, and animals 50 feet (15 meters) away. If approached stop unit immediately.

If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgement. If you need assistance, contact your Authorized Service Dealer or call 1-800-554-6723.

OPERATOR SAFETY

- Dress properly. Always wear safety glasses or similar eye protection when operating or performing maintenance on your unit. (Safety glasses are available.) Always wear face or dust mask if operation is dusty. Always wear heavy, long pants, long sleeves, boots, and gloves. Do not go barefoot or wear sandals.
- Secure hair above shoulder length. Secure or remove loose clothing and jewelry or clothing with loosely hanging ties, straps, tassels, etc. They can be caught in moving parts.
- Being fully covered also helps protect you from debris and pieces of toxic plants thrown by spinning line.
- Stay alert. Do not operate unit when you are tired, ill, or under influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Watch what you are doing; use common sense.
- Avoid unintentional starting of the unit. Never carry unit with your finger on the switch. Be sure the switch is in off position when connecting extension cord.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Use a voltage supply shown on unit.
- Avoid dangerous environment. Don't use appliances in damp or wet locations. Don't use in rain.
- Avoid dangerous situations. Do not use in the presence of flammable liquids or gases to avoid creating a fire or explosion and/or causing damage to unit.
- To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit only one way in a polarized outlet of the extension cord. Ensure you have a polarized extension cord. The plug of the polarized extension cord will fit into the outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.
- To reduce risk of electrical shock, use extension cords specifically marked as suitable for outdoor appliances having electrical rating not less than the rating of unit. Cord must be marked with suffix "W-A" (in Canada "W"). Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Inspect extension cord before use and replace if damaged. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord. (See "Select an extension cord")
- Do not abuse cord. Never carry the unit by the extension cord or yank extension cord to disconnect unit.
- Use cord retainer to prevent disconnection of extension cord from unit. See "Using your unit".
- Do not use unit if switch does not turn unit on and off properly. Repairs to switch must be made by your authorized dealer.

- Keep extension cord clear of operator and obstacles at all times. Do not expose cords to heat, oil, water, or sharp edges.
- Avoid body contact with any grounded conductor, such as metal fences or pipes, to avoid the possibility of electric shock.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection should be provided on circuit or outlet to be used. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of safety.

UNIT SAFETY

- Inspect unit before use. Replace damaged parts. Make sure all handles, guards, and fasteners are in place and securely fastened. Parts that are damaged must be repaired or replaced by an Authorized Service Dealer. This includes head parts that are cracked or chipped, guards, and any other part that is damaged.
- Do not repair unit yourself.
- Use only .065" (1.65 mm) diameter recommended trimmer line (see "Accessories"). Never use wire, rope, string etc.
- Use specified trimmer spool. Make sure spool is properly installed and securely fastened.
- Use only recommended replacement parts and accessories.

CUTTING SAFETY

- Inspect area to be cut. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, string, etc.) which can be thrown or become entangled in cutting head.
- Do not overreach or stand on unstable support. Keep firm footing and balance.
- Keep the cutting head below waist level. Do not raise handles above your waist. Cutting head can come dangerously close to your body.
- Keep away from spinning line.
- Use Unit Properly. Use only for trimming and mowing. Do not force unit, it will do the job better and with less risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
- Use only in daylight or in good artificial light.

MAINTENANCE SAFETY

- Maintain unit according to recommended procedures. Keep cutting line at proper length. Follow instructions for changing trimmer line.
- Have all service and maintenance not explained in this manual performed by an Authorized Service Dealer to avoid creating a hazard.
- Disconnect unit from the power supply before performing maintenance, or when changing trimmer line.
- Never douse or squirt the unit with water or any other liquid. Clean unit and labels with a damp sponge. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
- Keep the air vents clean and free of debris to avoid overheating the motor. Clean after each use.

TRANSPORTING AND STORAGE

- Stop the unit and disconnect the power source when not in use.
- Carry the unit with motor stopped.
- Store the unit so the line limiter cannot cause injury. See "Extending the line".
- Store unit indoors in a high, dry place out of reach of children. Store unit unplugged.

DOUBLE INSULATION CONSTRUCTION

This unit is Double Insulated to help protect against electric shock. Double insulation construction consists of two separate "layers" of electrical insulation instead of grounding.

Tools built with this insulation system are not intended to be grounded. No grounding means is provided on this unit, nor should a means of grounding be added to this unit.

Safety precautions must be observed when operating any electrical tool. The double insulation system only provides added protection against injury resulting from an internal electrical insulation failure.

WARNING: All electrical repairs to this unit, including housing, switch, motor, etc., must be diagnosed and repaired by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double insulated appliance must be recommended by the manufacturer. A double insulated appliance is marked with the words "double insulation" or "double insulated." The symbol (square within a square) ⧈ may also be marked on the appliance. Failure to have the unit repaired by qualified service personnel can cause the double insulation construction to become ineffective and result in serious injury.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

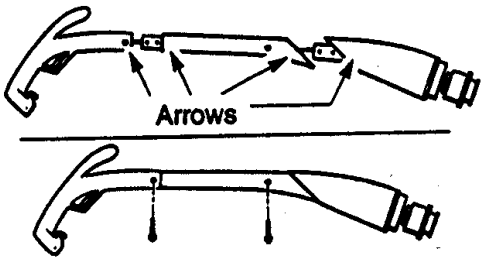
ACCESSORIES

Safety Glasses	952701645
Spool with 30' line	952711527
50' coil of bulk line	952701550
100' coil of bulk line	952701533
200' coil of bulk line	952701594

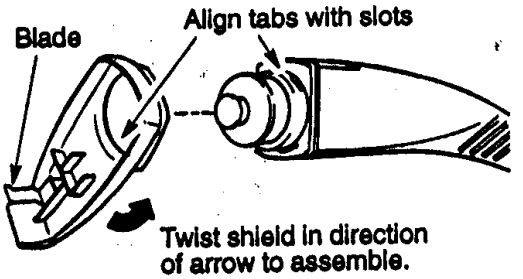
ASSEMBLY

If you receive your unit assembled, check each step to insure your unit is properly assembled. Follow all safety information in the manual and on the unit.

- Align the arrows on the parts; assemble unit as shown.



- Assemble shield as shown (your shield might look different). Keep hands and fingers away from the sharp blade.



USING YOUR UNIT

Use only a voltage supply as specified on your unit.

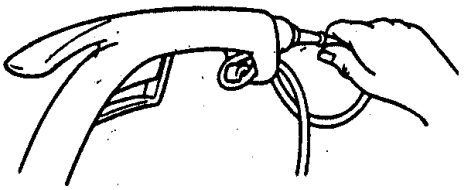
SELECT AN EXTENSION CORD

Extension Cord Gauge Chart	
Length of Cord	**Gauge**
100 ft. or less	16 gauge
100 ft. to 150 ft.	14 gauge

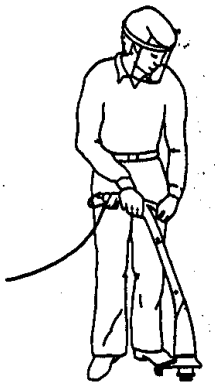
Extension cords are available for this unit.

ATTACH THE EXTENSION CORD TO YOUR TRIMMER

Loop your extension cord through the handle and around the hook. Insure the plug and cord are firmly and fully engaged.



CORRECT OPERATING POSITION



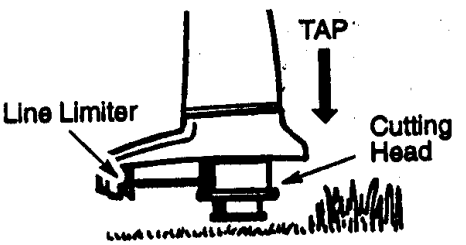
Stand as shown and check the following:

- Operator wearing safety glasses and heavy clothing.
- Right hand holding handle.
- Unit below waist level.
- Use the left side for cutting so debris is thrown away from the operator. Without operator bending over, keep the line near and parallel to ground and not crowded into material being cut.

WARNING: Never use as an edger or lean over the trimmer head when trimming. Spinning line causes objects to be thrown violently which can cause blindness or other serious injury.

EXTENDING THE LINE

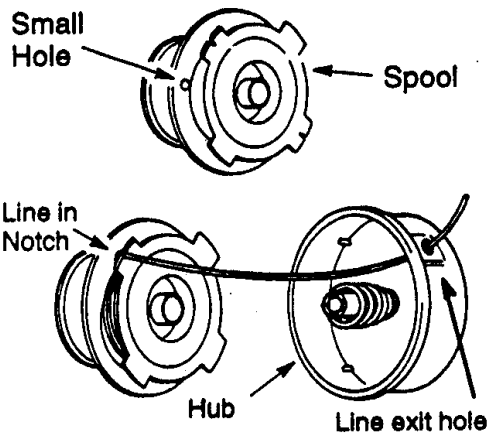
To advance the line, tap the bottom of the cutting head on the ground while the trimmer is running. The line limiter will cut the line to the proper length.



LINE REPLACEMENT

REPLACING THE LINE

- Remove the spool by firmly pulling on the tap button.
- Clean entire surface of hub and spool.
- Replace with a pre-wound spool, or cut a length of 30 feet of .065 diameter Weed Eater® brand line (other diameter line will damage unit). Heavier line may cause unit to overheat. Never use wire, rope, string, etc., which can break off and become a dangerous missile.
- Insert one end of the line about 1/2 inch (1 cm) into the small hole on the inside of the spool.
- Wind the line evenly and tightly onto the spool. Wind in the direction of the arrow found on the spool.
- Push the line into the notch, leaving 3 to 5 inches (7 – 12 cm) unwound.
- Insert the line into the line exit hole in the hub as shown in the illustration.
- Align the notch with the line exit hole.
- Push the spool into the hub until it snaps into place.
- Pull the line extending outside the hub to release it from the notch.



NEED ASSISTANCE?

Need Assistance?
Call: 1-800-554-6723.
Need Service Part?
Contact your dealer or place of purchase.

LIMITED WARRANTY

POULAN/WEED EATER Division WCI Outdoor Products, Inc., warrants to the original purchaser that each new **WEED EATER** or **POULAN PRO** brand electric or cordless product is free from defects in material and workmanship and agrees to repair or replace under this warranty any defective **Weed Eater** or **Poulan Pro** brand electric or cordless product within two (2) years from the original date of purchase.

If your **WEED EATER OR POULAN PRO** brand electric or cordless product should fail within the limited warranty period, return it, complete, prepaid, with proof of purchase, to the dealer from whom it was purchased for repair or replacement at the option of POULAN/WEED EATER Division WCI Outdoor Products, Inc.

This warranty is not transferable and does not cover damage or liability caused by improper handling, improper maintenance or the use of accessories and/or attachments not specifically recommended by **Poulan/Weed Eater** for this tool. Additionally, this warranty does not cover parts that will wear and require replacement with reasonable use during the warranty period. This warranty does not cover predelivery setup or normal adjustments explained in the Operator's Manual.

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